

THE DIDSBURY REVIEW



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Half million dollar marijuana grow busted in Didsbury

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury RCMP seized over half a million dollars of marijuana plants in Didsbury Monday morning. A search warrant was executed late Sunday night, and according to the RCMP, a sophisticated marijuana drug grow was evident.

Over 500 plants in various grow stages were seized.

"It took till approximately noon to dismantle the grow," said Sgt. Tonn, of the Didsbury RCMP. "There was a good half millions dollars of plants there."

23-year-old Han Jie Guan of Calgary has been charged with cultivation of marijuana, under the Controlled Drug and Substance Act.

"I suspect if he is charged he will get considerable jail time," said Sgt. Tonn.

The matter is still being investigated by the Didsbury RCMP.

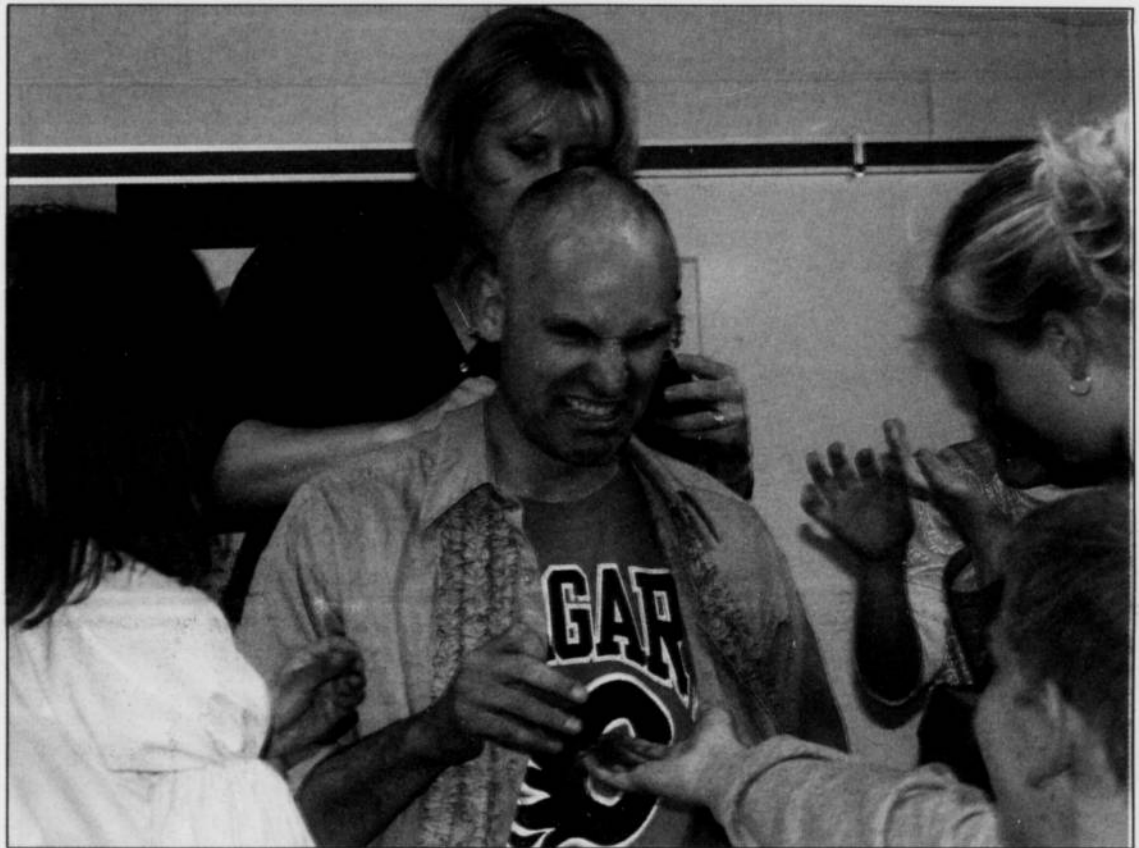


photo by Tamara Collins

Read your way to anything

Darin Bullivant, teacher at Ross Ford Elementary School, taught his grade 2 class just how important reading is. The deal was made that if the class read across Canada, Bullivant would shave his head. To read across Canada the class read over four hundred hours, and on Thursday afternoon, each student helped shave Bullivant bald.

School board faces toughest budget year, yet

By Shaune Mohl

The board of Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) over the next month will be going line by line through their 2004/2005 operating budgets where they will have to cut nearly \$2 million worth of expenditures to balance their

budget.

Some of the challenges which the school board face in the upcoming budgeting process are; Higher energy costs, no reserves to turn to, and fewer students. Since the division is funded on a per-student-basis, fewer students also means less revenue for CESD, which also

means fewer teachers.

"We prefer to have a balanced budget and that is going to be a challenge there is no question about that. I think it's hard to avoid the impact on staff because so much of our budget is made up of staff. But, I guess it just brings out the issue that we have been harping on all a

long and that is that we somehow need sustainable funding into the educational system so we don't go through this every year. It's just too traumatic for everyone involved," said CESD Board chair, Roy Brassard.

CESD is expecting to have 250 fewer students in the coming year, which will result in

close to 30 teaching positions being cut.

The Province, in their 2004 budget, announced that they will be increasing the amount of money which schools will be receiving, but with a declining student population it will basically balance itself out for CESD.

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NEWS

IN THE COURTS

Sundre man remains in custody on weapons charges

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A 51-year-old Sundre man arrested after Olds RCMP were called to a suspected residential break and enter on April 17 remains in custody.

John William Dean faces charges of break and enter and theft, possession of stolen property, careless use/storage of a firearm, and breach of probation.

Police subsequently recovered six firearms from a Sundre-area residence, including a shotgun and several long guns.

Dean appeared before Judge Lamoureux on May 17 for show cause or bail hearing. He adjourned the matter until May 26 and agreed to remain in custody pending that court appearance.

A second person, Tammy Dion Molenaar, 41, also faces charges in the incident. She has been released on a promise to appear at a future court date.

Man had magic mushrooms

A man caught with 35 grams of magic mushrooms, an hallucinogenic drug, in his vehicle has been fined.

Charles Blake McNeil pleaded guilty May 17 to a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

McNeil was stopped on a road outside Didsbury on June 8 after he failed to stop for at a stop sign, court heard.

The attending officer spotted the mushrooms in a bag on the floor of the vehicle.

The judge fined McNeil \$250, plus a 15 per cent victim fine surcharge.

Man jailed for sixth drunk driving conviction

A Sundre-area man convicted of his sixth drunk driving charge has been jailed.

Wilfred John Kellar, 57, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on May 17

to a charge of impaired driving.

The accused was spotted driving erratically on Hwy 54 west of Caroline by a Fish and Wildlife officer on June 27, 2002, court heard.

He was pulled over and found to be highly intoxicated by alcohol. Signs of impairment included staggering on the roadway and slurring his words.

The accused had four previous convictions for driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent prior to his arrest, and a subsequent conviction for the same offence in January 2003, court heard.

Saying the numerous previous convictions were aggravating factors in sentencing, Judge Heather Lamoureux ordered Kellar jailed for 45 days, prohibited him from driving for three years, and placed him on 12 months probation.

"We don't want him on the highway," said Lamoureux.

Woman convicted of fraud

A 46-year-old woman who made an empty-envelope deposit at an area bank and then withdrew more than \$500 has been fined.

Kerry Lee Lacombe pleaded guilty on May 17 to a charge of fraud under \$5,000.

The accused made the deposit at an ATM machine at the Olds Alberta Treasury Branch on August 26, 2003, court heard.

The accused then went into the bank and told a teller she had just deposited \$1,500 cheque.

The teller then okayed a \$558 withdrawal from the account. "There is no excuse for this type of criminal activity," said Judge Lamoureux.

The judge fined Lacombe \$800, plus a 15 per cent victim fine surcharge, placed her on probation for eight months, and ordered her to complete 50 hours of community service.

Flames Sign Stolen

Last week Didsbury hospital staff and residents were shocked to discover their Flames sign, which was displayed outside, was stolen.

The Hospital's Adult Day Support Clients (a senior's day program) made the sign. These seniors worked hard on it, and it is greatly missed.

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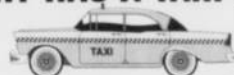


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NEWS

Budget

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The Province changed funding so that school divisions will now receive large lumps of money and can commit their funds however they want, where previously money was given to school divisions but designated for certain areas, such as distance education, special needs, fine arts, and other areas.

School divisions were expected to receive approximately three per cent more funding, but with an expected student population to drop by 250 students CESD won't have any more money to use in the coming year.

"I don't want to paint a picture that the government hasn't given us more money," CESD Superintendent Jim Gibbons said. "But, the increase basically gets eaten up through the decline in enrollments."

For the past few years CESD has been dipping into their reserves to cover their deficits, but this year the board has called for CESD administration to come up with a balanced budget as the board says it's not sustainable to continue to use reserves.

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Jim Gibbons

Over the past couple of years CESD has had the luxury of being able to dip into reserves, and despite the school division still having a little over \$2 million in reserves, they are seeking to pass a balanced budget without using any central office reserves.

"We dipped into reserves, last year, in the neighbourhood of \$2 million and that was between school reserves and central office reserves. We don't have large reserves this year to bring forward so the board has determined this year that it has to be a balanced budget or as close as they can get to one," Gibbons added.

In school reserves CESD has a total of \$1.5 million, and in central office reserves there are about \$1.1 million, for a total of \$2.6 million.

CESD has over 30 schools, so for all the schools to have a

combined reserve of \$1.5 million isn't really that much money, explained Roy. He explained that some schools have large reserves, while some schools have already depleted their reserves so we may be in for more hardship in the coming year.

"The fact that we have been dipping into reserves and we have less reserves to dip into, (this year, was certainly a challenge this year.) But, schools (that do have reserves left) are certainly still planning on spending reserves," Roy said. "It looks like probably 80 per cent will spend more reserves this year to balance their budgets."

Fewer students mean fewer teachers

Gibbons says that as of right now it appears that the Board will be asked to cut about 27 full time teaching positions, all positions which will be eliminated through other means than letting teachers go.

"It's always difficult but we have looked at how we can make sure as much money goes to schools and in particular to preserve class sizes. As, it looks like when the dust settles we will have 27 fewer teachers. The majority of whom will have moved on through either early retirement incentive plans or leaves or moved to part time and that is in response to us having approximately 250 fewer students, too," explained Gibbons.

CESD administration says that the 27 positions will be cut through teaching staff taking early retirement incentives, some teachers going to half time, teachers who are leaving the area and won't be returning who won't be replaced, as well as some teaching staff working on contract won't see their contracts re-newed. CESD say they aren't actually letting any of their present teaching staff go.

"We are not going into our staff reduction policy at all," Roy said.

Gibbons says that the impact on the classroom with 27 fewer teachers shouldn't make much of an impact on the schools and students learning, because the decline in student populations won't require as many teachers.

"We do have fewer students, which means we will have fewer classes — so that impact isn't there," Gibbons said. "But, there will be some stress on some of the extra programs whether they are fine arts or CTS. So, we are trying to find most of the money out of Central Budgets which we are short."

One of the savings for the Board from Central office will be the elimination of the district principal position.

"That role (of this position) was around the evaluation and supervision of teachers new to the division. So, obviously if we are downsizing we won't have nearly as many (new teachers), so we expect to be able to handle that through existing super-

intendents, directors, and principals," Gibbons said.

Other areas which may see cutbacks, Gibbons said, are non-core subject areas like health and wellness and Career and Technology Studies (CTS).

"We can probably cut down somewhere in the technology, library, health and wellness... and we might be able to find some money in transportation to move. There are a number of areas that the Board is looking at," he added. "Some of the support systems may be a little tighter, such as resource room and family wellness and those types of things. We can probably deliver it in another way and that is what we are looking at doing."

Two areas highlighted

Brassard echoed the words of Taylor, saying that on his time on the CESD board this has got to be the toughest budget he has ever been apart of.

"It is one of the most (challenging budgets I have worked on), by far," Brassard said. "It is a challenge and we are going to do our best. We have two areas of concentration right now and that is the education of our students and the protection of our staff because we feel we have an excellent staff and we are going to do everything we can do to make sure it's in place."

CESD struggles to maintain classroom conditions

Carstairs area Trustee, Ian Taylor, says that CESD find themselves in one of the toughest financial positions that they have ever been in.

"The position we are in... we went from (last year being in) a position of, 'It will be tough, but we will get by,' to, 'We will be severely challenged for next year so we find ourselves in a very tough position,'" Taylor said.

"The real challenge for the Board is that we need to provide equal opportunities for every child in the division and, of course we have various size schools from 38 to well over 700 so to ensure we provide the equal opportunity that really

becomes the challenge - how do you do it to make sure the student can get the basic courses, fine arts, technology and those types of things. So, that is a real challenge for the Board," Gibbons added.

Rising energy costs add struggles

What has made the budgeting process so difficult for the school division, especially in most recent times are the rising energy and fuel costs, Roy Brassard explained.

"It's a huge challenge. Our energy costs have risen a million dollars in the past five years," Roy said.

For the past three to five years CESD has been cutting as much as they can from their operations and maintenance budget just to try to keep afloat.

"We have been cutting every year in our operations and maintenance budget. We did get some one time funding last July and that helped us to balance last years budget. This year we are expecting to use uncommitted surplus (funds), which is a reserve that isn't committed to any of the blocks whether it be operations and maintenance, admin, transportation or any of the schools. It's sort of money we have been carrying forward from when (we were a part of the Mountain View County School Division). And, that money is almost gone," Roy explained.

According to Brassard the school division has been working very closely with the government and have been advocating to them for quite some time that the Province's funding isn't rising fast enough to help offset the rising energy costs. "We have talked to the Minister and we have talked to everyone that we can," Brassard said.

Brassard says that the school division has also seen their fuel budgets jump drastically, and being the largest truly rural school division in the Province the budget will see a large impact from these costs as well.

"We put 4 million kilometres



photo by Tamara Collins

Drug Bust

Didsbury RCMP seized over a half a million dollars in marijuana planted at a house in Didsbury. Charges have been laid against a Calgary Man.

a year on our buses alone, plus we have 15 or 20 vans," Brassard said. "We have got a whole fleet of vehicles that are impacted by the price of gasoline. So, there is tremendous pressure on some areas of our budget right now and it's just a difficult thing to handle. You can't say you can't pick up the kids for school... there are just some things that are unavoidable."

Roy says that administration will be bringing forward a recommendation, which he couldn't comment on, as a cost saving idea for when CESD energy contract ends.

No reserves worries Brassard

Brassard believes that no matter if you run a small business or a large corporation, including a school division, every organization should have reserves of some sort as sort of a safety net. However, with the budgeting process this year being so tight the school division won't.

"You have to have some reserves just for emergencies. The closer we get to a zero balance in our reserves the more apprehensive you become because it just leaves you no back up at all," Brassard said.

Brassard says that this year CESD won't be putting any money into reserves as their main focus is to keep as much in classrooms as possible.

"Right now our focus is keeping the classroom personnel up to strength and that has got to be our focus, to make sure the students are receiving the care that they deserve and the instruction that they deserve and we will deal with emergencies if and when they arise," Brassard said.

The Board will be working with administration over the coming weeks to try to find areas which can be cut, while still maintaining the level of service for students, Gibbons said.

The budget is expected to come before the Board near the end of June for final approval, to be submitted to Alberta Learning for a June 30 deadline.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

The Morning After Pill



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

There is a lot of controversy lately about the possibility of making levonorgestrel, otherwise known as the morning after pill, available over the counter.

One side says it would help prevent more unwanted pregnancies, and the other side believes it is a form of abortion.

I believe the easier this pill is to get, the easier it is for young girls to engage in unprotected sex. The issue should not be whether this is a form of abortion, cause either way, abortion is still an

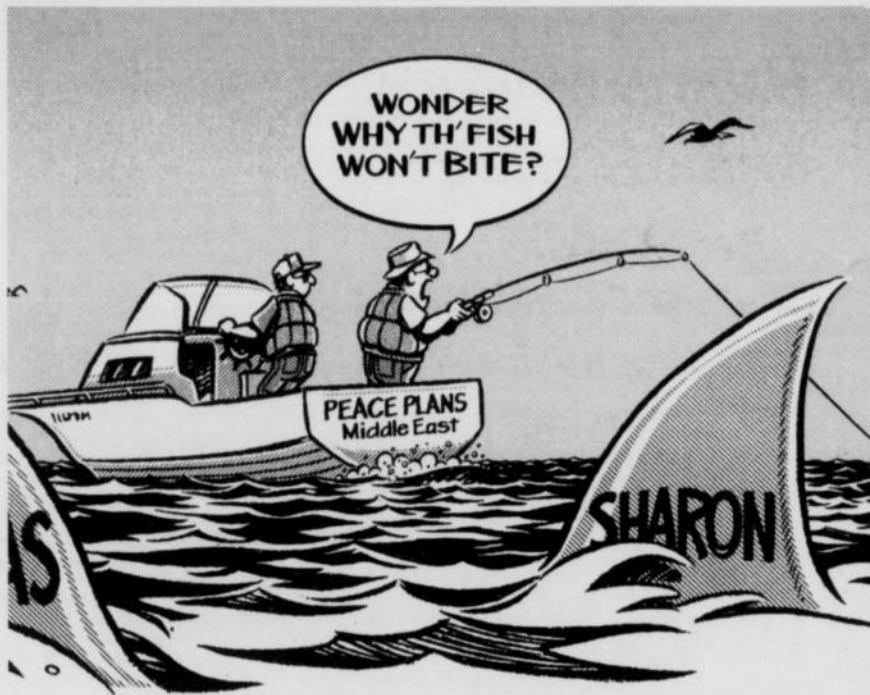
option, and this pill is still available somewhere. The issue is whether this pill is going to be used as a form of birth control. If it is, there is still the possibility of getting a sexually transmitted disease.

Making this pill easier to obtain is saying "We want this to be as convenient as possible for women", therefore increasing the number of people using it.

If these women are concerned with unwanted pregnancy, they should not be having sex in the first place.

So there are 28 other countries who make this pill available over the counter, well good for them, since when does Canada follow the crowd anyways.

We need to look at the big picture here. When young girls here about this "miracle pill", that will prevent pregnancy after they have already done the deed, they will take this as Canadians saying it is ok to have unprotected sex, there is always a way out. What we should be teaching them is that unprotected sex is wrong, case closed!



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Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Go For It"

Congratulations to the Graduating class of 2004. I would like you to ponder something with me. Have you a passion for some special purpose or goal for your life; something urging you within or just that you love to do with your lives? Go for it.

You might find along the way to achieving this purpose that you come to a number of crossroads, some delays along the way, seeming detours to your pursuit. Remember that these can well be stepping stones, they can be times of preparation, necessary for your ultimate goal to be achieved.

There may be some difficult times, trying and testing times, but these too will have their purpose, they will strengthen you, and enable you to follow through with your goal. Do not allow sets backs, or delays to cause you to change your goals or purpose for your life. You were created for a purpose, and when we find that purpose all that we do, will have more meaning; we will wonder why we are being paid to do something we love to do.

Take time to set your goal, pursue your purpose, and don't let others deter you from doing what is in your heart to do. As you graduate, know our thoughts and prayers go with you. Go for it.

Conservatives propose set of low tax solutions



Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose

OTTAWA - Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose says the Conservative Party's proposed series of low tax solutions will definitely help Canadians address the rising cost of living.

"Canadians on moderate and fixed incomes have

seen costs for necessities rise faster than their incomes. This gap must simply be bridged. To address this problem, Stephen Harper proposed to increase the GST credit for Canadians on moderate and fixed incomes. This low tax solution will help address the rising costs of such things as insurance rates and home utility bills," said Thompson.

"The Conservative proposals also included providing relief and protection to motorists who are facing rising gas prices. We will end the tax on tax on gasoline. We will remove the GST from the federal portion of the excise tax," stated Thompson.

"It is also important to protect consumers from increasingly outrageous gas prices, which is why we will

eliminate the GST on the portion of gas prices above 85 cents. Currently, the federal government collects \$32 million for each cent that gasoline prices rise. That means that the current rise in gas prices is causing a GST windfall for the federal government. We will stop this windfall on prices above 85 cents," said Thompson.

"One thing is clear, thanks to the Liberals, Canadians are among the most highly taxed in any western democracy. People want tax relief and they want it now. The average Canadian works until June 28th of every year to pay their share of taxes. If Canada's economy is to reach its full potential, and Canada is to become truly competitive on the world stage, we must reduce the burden of excessive taxation," concluded Thompson.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Didsbury Municipal Tax Grab

Homosexuality and Marriage?

**Re: M. Weins', A.
Mousseau's, etc., letters
regarding homosexual
marriage**

Dear Editor;

I would like to respond to the many comments arising from your editorial on same-sex marriage. It is so easy for a young person, or anyone, to assume they are speaking for the majority of people. However, I believe it is a very small minority of people who believe homosexuality is acceptable. Some are afraid to state their opinion, some feel their opinion doesn't matter, some are too caught up in the troubles of their own lives to speak, and some simply don't care.

But scripture does teach that it is wrong. Perhaps those who know enough of the Bible to quote Matthew, should spend some time reading the rest of the Bible.

Some of the reasoning involved in calling people who disagree with you hateful, uneducated, etc. lacks logic. If I believe that everyone is going either to heaven or hell, believe that homosexuality is going to prevent you from going to heaven and tell you so; is that hate? If I really "hated" you, would I try to prevent you from spending eternity in hell?

If Mrs. Weins, while sitting at a campfire, reached out to pull a child from the fire - would that

be hate? Or if she admonished someone to stay off thin ice, as she believed his life would be jeopardized, is that hate?

Christians are told to admonish, exhort, teach, to ring bells. We are told to discern between right and wrong.

When Jesus forgave the adulterer, He told her to go and sin no more. He didn't say it was okay to do what she wanted.

To choose to disregard God is a choice for eternity - an eternity in which you cannot change your mind.

For all non-believers, I offer this advice. Get yourself a Bible. Read it through. Ask God to show He is real. Ask God to help you to understand - while you can. Eternity is a mighty long time.

There is forgiveness and love and compassion at the Father's throne. You will be forgiven - but only if you ask!

Christians do not condemn, we do not hate - we try to do what we believe Christ has told us to do. We do not say your sin is worse than ours. We all have sinned. We want you to know your sin can be forgiven, just as ours was and is and will be. God is a God of love. Approach Him!

Sincerely,
B. Young

Dear Editor;

My wife Marilyn and I have resided in the Town of Didsbury for over 25 years, successfully raising 3 children in the Community. Didsbury has proved to be an absolutely wonderful place to raise children.

I have consciously avoided becoming embroiled in controversial issues with the Mayor and Council of the day, that is, up to now. Our current Municipal Government is obviously not working in the best interest of the rate payer.

Please take the time to carefully examine your 2004 property assessment and tax notice. If you recall, several months ago, the Provincial Government announced, any Municipality with a population less than 5,000 would no longer be required to pay for Policing.

One would assume, given our Municipality has saved well in excess of \$300,000.00 annually on Policing costs, it would naturally be reflected in a reduction of taxes to the ratepayer, not so! The Town Administration would like to have me believe my taxes only increased by \$150.00, however in an effort to keep that Policing money, they are already collecting, in their wisdom, Mayor and Council increased both the land and improvement assessments, coincidentally, to the very dollar value required to make up for the shortfall if residents were in fact no longer required to pay for policing. Creative bookkeeping.

Now let's examine the numbers, because Council decided to increase all individual assessments, they are not required to reduce the amount of your taxes previously collected under the umbrella of policing costs. For my home that equates to the \$150.00 increase plus the \$300.00 grab for policing they refuse to credit all ratepayers for.

So, for me that equates to a \$450.00 increase or almost 16%. Now for the scary part, if the Provincial Gov-

ernment reintroduces Municipal Policing costs or we reach a population of 5,000, I can speculate, with a reasonable degree of confidence, we, the ratepayer will bear the full brunt of those costs, virtually paying for the same service twice.

I would guess, Madam Mayor, you were preparing the ratepayer for a 16% increase in taxes, with your continuous whining in the local newspaper, for the past two years, expressing your concerns that we the ratepayers are not contributing enough, by the way of taxes, to the municipal coffers. I would think a 16% increase in taxes in one year should help, and will assist in paying for a few more of those retreat sessions, the taxpayer picks up the tab for.

Madam Mayor, it is my humble opinion, under your watch, our community is in big trouble. The infrastructure remains in shambles, streets/sidewalks are in de-

plorable conditions, and one requires a 4X4 truck to manoeuvre over the railway tracks on 20th Avenue. I have a brother-in-law residing in Yankee Valley Estates, just East of Airdrie, on a four acre parcel valued in excess of \$650,000 and yet his taxes are substantially lower than we are expected to pay, clear indication, something is desperately wrong with-in our Community.

Like many other long time Didsbury residents, both my wife and I are being forced, to leave this beautiful community, because of the continuous bad judgements by our Municipal Administration, the place we have proudly called home for over 25 years, and have precious memories of our children growing into young adults.

We are leaving, but be assured it will not be until after the October elections!

Sincerely,
Gary R. Halfyard



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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

• MPC: May 26, 2004 • Town Council: May 31, 2004 • Corporate Services: June 8, 2004

NOTICE

The 2004 combined Tax & Assessment notices were mailed on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. If you have not received your notice please contact the Town Office at 335-3391.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

- DP 28-04 2022-18 Avenue Garage/Addition with conditions RC
- DP 29-04 1421-22 Avenue Garage R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on June 9, 2004 Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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Olds visited by Avro Arrow historian

by Dan McGeady

One of Canada's prominent Avro Arrow historians visited Olds Tuesday, May 18 to give a lecture on the history of Avro and Canadian aerospace technologies.

Artist/author and former RCAF pilot Randall Whitcomb discussed various theories that have emerged regarding the cancellation of the Arrow project on "Black Friday", Feb. 20, 1959 and the subsequent dismantling of Avro Canada as a company.

"There have been many reasons given as to why the Arrow project was cancelled," he explained.

"Mismanagement at the top, American interests, government infighting... established history and public figures have all claimed that the U.S. had nothing to do with it. But I have the smoking gun that proves they did."

Whitcomb's smoking gun is a combination of transcripts from a 1967 interview University of Victoria professor, Dr. Reginald Roy did with then Minister of Defence George Pearkes and recently uncovered government documents revealing that American interests did lead to the Arrow's cancellation.

"It was a number of reasons that all came together," said Whitcomb.

He showed a copy of the transcript in which Perks admitted that the U.S. government said that if the Arrow program was cancelled, the American's would and could protect Canada if anything happened.

But the Canadians would have to agree with NORAD's (North American Aerospace Defense Command) missile defense shield and purchase BOMARC missile's.

This according to Whitcomb along with chairman of Chief of staff for the Department of Defense, General Charles Foulkes dislike of the aircraft sealed it's fate.

Documents unearthed revealed that Foulkes had been convinced by American interests that the Arrow would never be economical and even if it did fly, was obsolete compared to other "proven" American aircraft.

"There were many lies made about the (Arrow) program," said Whitcomb.

"Foulkes tried to have it cancelled three times before he succeeded. And even went so far as to order his chief's of staff to cancel it."

The Arrow was a technical marvel for it's time. If projections and early re-

search proved correct Whitcomb said he believes that the Arrow would still be flying today.

"There are features on the arrow that would make a dominant fighter aircraft today," he explained.

"Avro could have ended the cold war (in 1960) because (the Arrow) would have left everything the Soviets had in the dust."

Some of the Arrows 'futuristic' features included fly-by-wire technology (control surfaces moved by computer impulse, not conventional hydraulic gears and rods), a thrust to weight ratio comparable to the F 22 Raptor (America's newest fighter), a huge internal missile bay larger than that of a B-29 (also used by the F 22 to cut down drag and radar signature), titanium alloy on skin and components in the Iroquois engine.

These are all normal today Whitcomb said, but at the time 1953-1959 were fantastic advances.

Crawford Gordon, Jr., the president of A.V. Roe., broke

the news of 'Black Friday' to the Avro staff. Overnight 15,000 people were out of work at Avro's Toronto plant, and another 10,000 subcontractors lost their jobs.

Canada lost almost all of it's aerospace technicians and engineers to Great Britain (where many worked on the Concorde) and American firms such as Nasa, Lockheed and Boeing. Technologies discovered by Avro soon found themselves on many American aircraft.

"It's funny but a common saying around Nasa during the early days of the space race was 'the Germans build the rockets and Canadians build the electronics'," said Whitcomb.

"Nasa's biggest secret of the Gemini and Mercury space programs was the heat shield and even that was also originally designed for a (high altitude) version of the Arrow."

When the Arrow program was cancelled the Prime Minister John Diefenbaker ordered the destruction of all Arrow components and

blueprints.

Many theories abound, but Whitcomb believes that the most obvious answer is the government would have been embarrassed if another country built the Arrow and discovered how big a mistake Canada made cancelling the program.

"The theory that other countries didn't want it doesn't hold up to water," he explained.

"There is documentation that both the American air force and the British air force wanted it, and that the British had already inquired about placing an order for planes."

But it wasn't to be and politics overcame any military benefit the plane would have been.

Diefenbaker's government quickly rushed out to buy American Bomarc missiles

(which turned out to be a disaster because the American plan called for the ground-to-air missiles to destroy Soviet ICBM's over Canadian territory), and American made F-101-Voodoo interceptors that the RCAF had judged inferior six-years earlier.

Whitcomb's book: Avro Aircraft & Cold War Aviation is published through Vanwell Publishing Ltd. and can be purchased in stores or online at <http://www.avroarrow.org/RandallWhitcomb>.

The book goes into much greater detail about the company, it's aircraft (he delves into the future that the Avro Jetliner would have had, had not government interference reared it's head) and how finance and politics controlled Avro Canada from day one.

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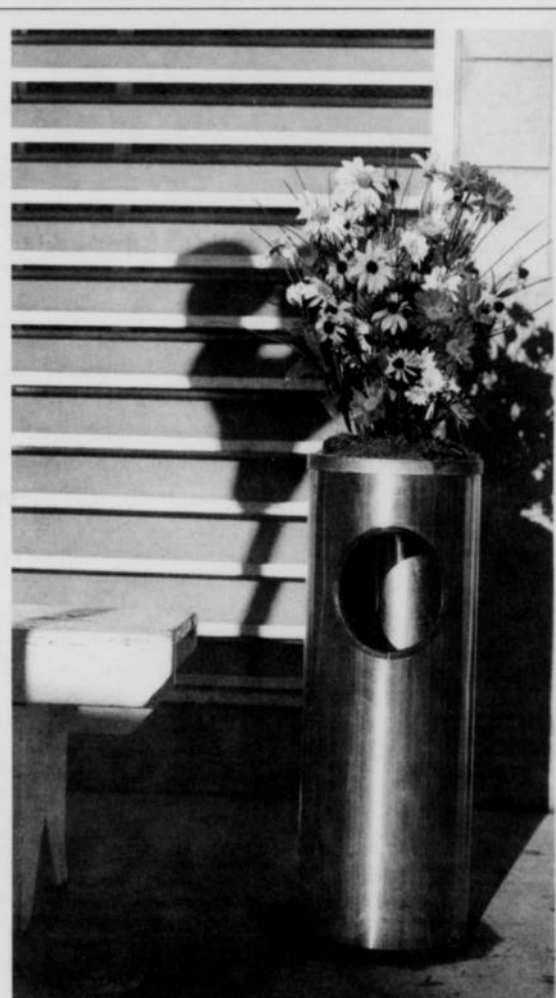
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Rural women talking business

by Tamara Collins

Business women from all over Mountain View County, came together this past Wednesday to discuss effective promotional material to help them in their personal business endeavours.

They call themselves, Rural Women In Business (RWIB), and these 12 women get together once a month to discuss many different business topics.

This month's meeting featured Gene Hartmann of Contemporary Graphics/The Didsbury Review, who spoke to the group about effective advertising.

"We started this because men talk business during golf games, or at any sporting event," said Dalene Parker, organizer. "Women don't do this, so this is an opportunity for women to network with other women."

RWIB has been around for almost a year now, and each

month they meet at different locations throughout the County.

"We discuss different topics that face rural women," said Parker. "We are hoping to discuss the effects of BSE at an upcoming meeting."

The one year anniversary of RWIB will be celebrated on June 15th with a conference in Cremona. The conference is expected to be both informative and uplifting. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cremona Gold and Silver Club.

Val Warner will speak at the conference on, Secrets to saving your sanity. She will use humour, common sense, and personal anecdotes to teach assertive skills and mental fitness tips, after which a catered lunch will be served. Following lunch, Morley Belle will speak about keeping your business on track.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15 by contacting Darlene at 335-9114.



photos by Tamara Collins

Top left: Rural Women In Business listen to guest speakers at their monthly meetings.

Top Right: Caroline Bodmer, speaks up about hiring the right employees.

Above: Gene Hartmann, Contemporary Graphics/The Didsbury Review, speaks to the women about effective promotional tools.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Didsbury Mixed Slo Pitch League start season

by Marge St. Clair

Tues. May 25

The Didsbury Mixed Slo Pitch League will start their season tonight with games at both diamonds at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. weather permitting of course. The games will continue on Tues. & Thurs. nights till near the end of July when the playoffs start for the league championship

Wed. May 26

There is a real need for volunteers to share their time with seniors at Aspen Ridge Lodge. There will be a volunteer Open House from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and for all the info, please phone Lori, activity coordinator at 335-9848.

Wed. May 26

The Farmers Market will be open in the Curling Rink from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For table rental please phone Laura at 335-4252.

Wed. May 26

Come up to the Ball Diamonds to show your support for the Didsbury Gunners mens slo pitch team. The game starts at 7:15 p.m. against the Warriors.

Fri. May 28

If you are interested in flying, you are welcome to attend the first information night at the Olds Didsbury Airport Terminal Bldg at 6:30 p.m. More info from Lawrence Eaton 335-3246 (evenings).

Sat. May 29

The Didsbury Lacrosse League is having a garage sale in the parking lot at AG Grocers from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Donations will be gladly accepted and arrangements can be made for picking up by talking to Bob at the store 335-9800 or Pat 337-3564, Brenda 335-3292.

Sat. May 29

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church garage sale will take you to the home of Bruce & Jean Freeman on Westheights Drive, Reverend Bob & Colleen Bettson's home at 6A Westhill Place and the

Anthony's at 922-22nd St. starting at 10:00 am.

Sat. May 29

Join in the Arbor Day Fest celebrations at the Park at the Memorial Complex. Vendors and volunteers most welcome. Please phone Stephanie Dodyk a member of the Didsbury Environmental Board at 335-4491.

Thurs. June 3

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet in the assembly room at 2:00 pm. This group will then recess for the summer and start their meetings again on Thursday September 2nd.

Chris McKenna, Director of Operations for the Town of Didsbury, dealing with the operations and management of recreation facilities is very worthy of the Provincial Award he has just received. Congratulations Chris!!

Did you know that we now have a taxi service in Didsbury? It is the Mountain View Taxi at 335-2227? A community support group is working to solve some of the transportation problems, so if you have any suggestions please phone Corinne Lewis at 335-7664, preferably before June 4.

Floor curling and shuffleboard will be played at the lawn bowling clubhouse over the summer if there is enough interest. Please get your names in to Frank Hawthorne at 335-3824 as soon as possible so that teams can be made

up for play to get underway.

Friday, June 4

For a day of fun and for a good cause get your entry in to the first ever Mountain View Motors / Krebs & Co. Charity Golf Tournament with a 9:00 am shotgun start. Four person texas scramble format.

Entry fee includes golf, dinner & prizes. Phone your entries or contact Cliff or Brent at Mountain View Motors 335-3396 or Gord or staff at Krebs & Co. Vet Services 335-3519. Enter soon, you won't want to miss this fun day.

Sunday June 6

This is the day of the Didsbury Golf Club Men's Member / guest tournament which starts at 9:00 am

Monday June 7

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet in the board room at the Olds Hospital from 12 pm - 1 pm please phone Wendy 335-2393 for more details.

Wednesday June 9

The annual BBQ will be held at the 5-0 Club Centre, free to all 5-0 club members from 4:30 pm. - 6:00 pm. Please come out and enjoy.



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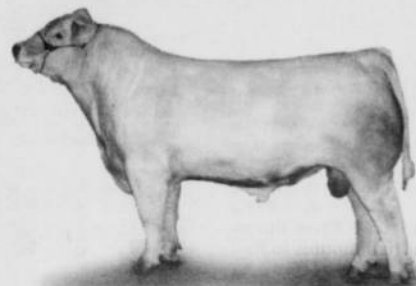
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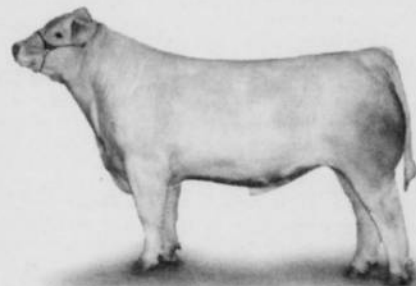
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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

There goes the fence

Dear Family and Friends,

We just got back from prayer meeting and I thought I should share with you what our friends told us happened early this morning. Someone tried to steal their fence! I've not heard of that before.

They have a six-foot high chainlink fence and someone cut it and started to roll it up before the night watchman went to see what was happening. Then whoever it was ran away. We were quite amazed.

We've heard of stealing electrical lines (probably the electricity people are in on that!) but stealing a fence is a bit unusual.

On Tuesday I drove to Abuja to check on the quota document renewal. It will be renewed for one year and next year we have to apply for a new immigration quota for expatriates to work in the country. Hopefully it won't be too challenging because this will need to be done just as we are leaving. Tuesday I sat in the office of one government official for three hours and then spent about ten minutes to find out what was going to happen. The Lord really helped me to be patient, but I was getting hungry.

Going to and coming from Abuja (just over three hours of driving each way) there were about twenty-five police checkpoints. I followed a Federal Government vehicle part of the way going because such vehicles are waved right through checkpoints. I just followed along behind and went through with it. Because I had to wait so long in the office, I didn't get home until almost six in the evening. If I couldn't have left Abuja before 3:30, I probably would have stayed overnight because driving at night is very dangerous.

We've had several hard rains this week but the heat seems to persist. Because it is very humid, the temperature doesn't need to be very high for it to be uncomfortably hot. Janet started back to exercising in the pool with the other ladies on Monday. She missed one session because it was raining. That's not bad for as often as it has rained.

Janet went to a speech recital this afternoon. A high school speech class presented speeches of appreciation for people who have been important in their lives. It was particularly moving when one senior student broke down while speaking about the Bible teacher

who helped him come to Christ. The teacher is back in the States suffering with cancer and will have surgery on Tuesday.

Please pray along with us for healing and grace to deal with this very difficult situation.

More bad news: a German couple working in the north-eastern part of Nigeria were ministering in a village when the husband had a heart attack. He died in a nearby hospital and his wife and his body were flown back to Germany. Please pray for this family as well.

I know that I'm prone to complain about some small inconveniences. Situations like the ones mentioned above help me to realize that I need to be very grateful for health and safety. God has been so good to us.

Yesterday Janet took several students from the National Honor Society and some friends to help clean and rake part of a compound that one of the hostels for Hillcrest will be moving to next school year. There weren't that many students but they worked very hard and ac-

complished a lot in a short time. Janet had to pitch right in and work along with them or else some of the boys would have been content to rest. Fortunately her ribs are much better now and she only had sore muscles today. I acted as driver and helped with loading and unloading.

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Jos! Yes, we are under a state of emergency for just now. Today, Wednesday, there was

supposed to be a debate in the National Assembly in Abuja (the Federal Capital) about this issue. If two thirds of both the House of Assembly and the Senate vote to uphold the decision by the President to declare a state of emergency in Plateau State, then the Governor and the State Assembly will be suspended for up to six months.

There has been much violence and killing in Shendam and that area (about a four-hour drive from Jos) and the situation was not getting any better. I won't go into details or

reasons, but with the appointment of a former military governor to administer Plateau State the violence will probably stop. There is a serious military presence in Shendam and that area from what we have heard. In Jos things seem to be quiet and stable, but there is tension. There is no curfew in Jos at this time.

We do not anticipate any disturbances here. Please pray along with us that the whole situation will be resolved peacefully and justly. Thank you.


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Arbor Day here again

Arbor Day has again been observed on May 6, in Calgary, some 99 years since the first Arbor Day was held here, as part of the incorporation of the province of Alberta in 1905. The present format, with the selection of an Arbor Day School and the participation of the School boards, the City of Calgary, and the Landscape Alberta Nursery Trades Association goes back continuously, every year since 1957. How many trees are still alive that were planted in 1905? I wonder how many are still here from 1957?

A recent ski-trip to a remote part of B.C. has left me with new insight into the value our pioneers and early explorers and settlers must have placed in trees. In boomtown Barkerville, in the middle of the 1850's and '60's, Caribou Gold Rush fever drove men (and women) to the very heart of a forest so dense, all one had to do was cut down a few trees to clear a space, and then make a log cabin with the resulting timbers. These rugged, solid buildings are still standing today, 150 years later, despite the annual 7 feet of snow and year round B.C. humidity we Prairie folk can only dream of. By contrast, our Prairie regions with their vast, dry, windswept, barren, treeless plains offered precious little in the way of shelter. In the 1850's, our yet to be discovered riches from buried black gold of petroleum were undreamed of. It seems very pos-



sible that it was the sheer treelessness (and possible

lack of gold) of the Prairie that delayed its eventual set-

tlement. At least until a railroad was built to haul lumber and supplies to the inhospitable Western Prairies.

And so it is no surprise to me now to feel a sense of awe and wonder whenever I come upon a really old, outstanding tree in some forgotten shelterbelt or quiet street, backyard, or park of any small town or City in Alberta, and wonder, was this someone's Arbor Day tree?

The fact that virtually all of our trees are planted and not just there for the taking as in B.C. (as much a nuisance and inconvenience as a resource for them, sometimes) means all our trees are special. Not just especially the really old ones, but any tree that has managed to survive for any length of time is a small miracle. Trees that have stood

the tests of time avoided being dug up by the family dog,

avoided death by dehydration, avoided being gored to death by deer or eaten by rodents, succumbed to insects or disease, being broken by storm damage, premature death due to improper pruning, or electrocution from powerlines or being struck by lightning. Sometimes a tree is simply in the wrong place, in the way of progress or development, or just doesn't fit in with an Urban Plan.

Trees have to be very fortunate just to survive being planted, and then being allowed to live any length of time in our Towns and Cities! What this all means is if a tree is to exist here, that someone actually had to want a tree badly enough to not only have planted it, but watered it and cared for it, sat beneath its shade, savoured its cool beauty, was grateful for it, regardless of whatever kind of tree it was; it was infinitely better than no tree at all.

So plant trees this year. Be a pioneer, and be grateful you can still be proud to have made the world a better place! Not by risking your life to dig up its buried treasure, but by simply adding a life to the world, by digging a small hole, and by planting a tree.

The best time to have a tree planted is today, tomorrow and 99 years ago! Gerard Fournier, Arborist Chair, LANTA, and owner of For Trees Company in Didsbury, has been actively involved on the Calgary Civic Arbor Day Committee for 12 years.

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Seniors book "Tea" time at celebration garden party

Seniors in and around the Didsbury area will be busy booking their tea time on Thursday, June 10th to celebrate **National Seniors Week** and take part in, what promises to be, a most civilized event.

Between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, dozens of friends, relatives and local dignitaries will turn out to the Multipurpose Room in the Didsbury Memorial Complex to honour those who

we look up to most in our lives.

But Senior Support Services Representative, Lois Wright, says the 3rd annual **"Salute to Seniors" Celebration Garden Party** is more than just a way of reflecting on the many, many positive ways seniors make an impact on our community.

"It's a great time for seniors or anyone else for that matter, to come out and enjoy an after-

noon of socializing, playing games, making crafts and just enjoying each other's company," she adds.

Thursday's event will include a number of additions to the usual afternoon gatherings. "We're inviting a number of dignitaries to come down too and share in the festivities."

Wright says the afternoon event will also be to host some great singing with the Mountain

View Choraliers on hand to provide some festive flare.

"There's also going to be lots of cake to enjoy and some fascinating displays on loan to us from the Didsbury and District Historical Society."

Anyone requiring further information on this event taking place at the Multipurpose Room Thursday, June 10th can call Lois Wright at Senior Support Services, 335-4391.



Lois Wright,
Organizer

Flight school helps dreams soar



Lawrence Eaton,
Instructor

Anyone who longs to oneday pilot their own plane (or someone else's) may soon have their dreams realized this coming summer at the Olds-Didsbury Airport.

Beginning this June, representatives from a flight training company out of Springbank called "Fly Right!" will be offering **Flight Training** to all who are interested.

One of Fly Right's Instructors, Pilot Lawrence Eaton, says the company will be holding two information nights - one on May 28th, and one on June 11th - at the Olds-Didsbury Airport to determine the number of possible students.

"It will basically be for anyone who is interested in flying and/or taking lessons to improve their existing skills."

According to Eaton, after completing the mandatory Ground School portion of the training, there are four main license varieties to attain.

The most basic is that of the "Recreational License". "This is primarily for first time flyers and is usually the entry-level we see most people come in at," says Eaton. Pilots with this type of license are allowed to carry one passenger.

Next is the "Private License". "This is the second level and involves more flight training hours...you're also allowed to

carry more passengers too - up to three." In addition to these, there is also a license with a "Night Rating" for competency in flying in the dark and one with an "Instrument Rating" for occasions when you can't see the ground and have to rely solely on instruments to guide the aircraft.

This is the second year flying lessons have been offered at the Olds-Didsbury airport. "We did this last year too and had quite a few people attend the Ground School and go on to obtain their license," says Eaton. "...One of the participants was only 14-years-old and managed to achieve his Student Pilots Permit. He's gone on to do more

training along with many of the others who were with him in the course."

Eaton obtained his flight training through the Springbank Airport a number of years ago and will be one of three to five instructors guiding students through a similar process at the Olds-Didsbury Airport in the weeks ahead.

All lessons last approximately one hour and (depending on class size and dynamics) will likely be held in the evening hours or on weekends.

For more information about Flight School, please call either Lawrence Eaton at 335-3246 (evenings) or the office at (403) 288-5118.

Registrations accepted now for Summer Fun Camp

As the days and weeks of school wind to an end kids aren't the only ones anxious to embark upon their summer break. Parents too are already beginning to plan (and wonder) just how to occupy their children over the upcoming months.

In comes another season of **Summer Fun** with the Town of Didsbury. Starting July 5th and running through to August 27th, kids between the ages of six and 12 years are invited to take part in the **Summer Fun Camp** at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre.

Michelle Honeyman works as the Aquatics and Recreation Pro-

grammer for the Town and says they will be hiring three summer leaders this year to help run the camp designed to offer a wide variety of adventurous and recreational activities to those who register.

"We've set out the program to run primarily on a weekly basis, but if parents so choose, and if space allows, we can also offer drop-in registration as well."

Last year's Summer Fun Camp incorporated a number of different and imaginative themes each week. Some of the ideas incorporated into the

2003 program included the likes of: "Didsbury Survivor", "Lights, Camera and Action" (which included meeting Adam Gregory in person), "The Great World Race" (which included a trip to the Calgary Zoo), "Outer Space Odyssey" (Moonwalkers in Red Deer) and "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom" (Go Kart rides).

Summer Fun, Honeyman explains, is primarily for families in which both parents work and who are in need of care for their children during the day but who may not want to place their older child in a dayhome or daycare situation.

Cost for weekly registration in the Summer Fun Camp is just \$90.00 (which includes such extras as field trips) or \$23.00 per day. "Right now we are offering a 10 per cent discount to anyone who registers before June 15th," adds Honeyman.

Summer Fun Camp runs Monday - Friday (except for the August long weekend) from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm with an one hour drop-off allowance before and after official start times to accommodate a variety of schedules.

For more information, call the Didsbury Aquatic Centre at 335-7369.



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Crystal Meredith's story continues on

by Tamara Collins

Local woman, Crystal Meredith, went through several major brain surgeries at Sunnybrook and Toronto Western Hospitals last January for her very rare AVF, Arteriovenous Fistula.

Didsburians came together to assist her and her family with both prayers and donations. A Chili Cook-off was held at the Zion Church, and that alone raised over five thousand dollars. Over a thousand dollars was also raised through private donations.

"Thank you to so many wonderful and caring people," said Lynn Henderson, Meredith's mother. "We are so very grateful for all those that donated and participated to help Crystal and her family financially. A special thank you also for those that prayed and who supported us through this very difficult time."

Recently Meredith's neurosurgeon reviewed pictures from the hospital, and he said it is likely that the embolization catheters they have won't be small enough to go up into the brain to insert the glue necessary to close off vessels. Meredith's type of AVF must be cured or it will relapse, so she will likely have to have radial

surgery (radiation) or microsurgery (open surgery again).

"With the number of people he has treated, all less serious cases, Crystal's is very rare, he has no choice but to follow through with either of these procedures," said Henderson. "If a cure is not the final outcome, then the AVF may relapse and he has seen that happen. The body makes so much blood that it affects other areas in the body—pressure, volume, etc. and this can cause the AVF to re-expand or it will find other ways to feed it. It must be either repaired surgically or altered like by sealing it with a burn (radiation) so it can never expand again. This expanding and deflating weakens the surface until it ruptures. A rupture can mean stroke or death."

On July 16th, after getting tests done in Toronto, Meredith will go see the neurosurgeon to look at the results and a decision will then be made as to which way to go.

Meredith says she will just keep going until it's my time to stop going. She now has no fear of the future and has no sorrow of having to experience whatever she must, her fear is the possibility of losing control of

her life (her independence).

"It was a miracle she survived both brain surgeries performed in Toronto," said Henderson. "The outcome being her very limited sight. She has only peripheral vision in her left eye and no center sight, and in the right eye there is no sight from the center vertically to the leftside of that eye. She can see from front center to

rightside only, giving her only small windows of sight in both eyes now. She is having headaches again, though not as bad and requires another angiogram and tests to further diagnose."

Your continued prayers are requested for Meredith and her family, for the battle is still on.

"I would also like to men-

tion two very helpful organizations," said Henderson. "Hope Air, who is providing Crystal's flight through Westjet to bring her from Calgary to Flamborough for her follow-up on June 28th and to C.O.R.D. The Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders, who provided their support as we research this together and register her rare AVF, hoping the information will assist others."



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May 2004

Dear Westglen Parents & Students:

Westglen School is proud to be a Professional Learning Community. Our partnership with parents is highly valued. Our intent is to keep communication open and everyone informed. We would like to thank the Didsbury Review for inserting our newsletter on a monthly basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our school office at (403) 335-8700.

Mr. P.G.A. Corning (Principal)

Mr. J. Thompson (Vice-Principal)

Sports News:

Hoops for Heart has arrived at Westglen School. Hoops for Heart is an event that we will be running in conjunction with our Intramural program. It is a fun basketball skills event for students that raises money for Heart Disease, Stroke Research and health promotion. Over the next two weeks students will be collecting pledges for Hoops for Heart. The amount of pledges collected earns points toward prizes such as water bottles, backpacks, hats and Discmen. We held our kick-off assembly on Monday, May 10th. The actual Hoops for Heart student event will take place during lunch hours the last week of May.

Congratulations to the Grade 7 & 8 Badminton Teams who competed very well this season. The teams have gone on to represent our school at Zone Playoffs as well. Good job!!

Library News:

The month of May is a busy time in our library. We are asking all students to start looking for overdue books. I would like them back by June 15th at the latest! The library club has been a very important part of the library this year and I would like to thank all the members for their hard work, ideas and enthusiasm. The last day for the library club will be May 17, 2004.

General News:

Grade 5's will be attending camp on June 16, 17, & 18, 2004. A huge thank you goes out to both our salespeople and supporters in our recent chocolate fundraiser. Thank you for your support!!

Spring is here and with only 2 months of school left before the beginning of summer we are already planning summer events. Students who may be interested in volunteering at the Mustard Seed (a homeless shelter) in Calgary, are asked to see the school counsellor. This may be on a weekly or bi-weekly basis depending on the interest.

Good News:

Congratulations go out to the BLAST Team for winning the Barb Tarbox Award of Excellence in Tobacco Reduction Youth Scholarship!!

Music News:

We are very proud of our School Bands this year. They

performed extremely well with the following placements at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Olds - Best Grade 1 School Band (Grade 7's), Best Grade 2 School Band (Grade 8's) and Best Junior Stage Band (Wailin' Wildcats). Congratulations!! Please join the "Wailin' Wildcats" Jazz band and the "DHS Jazz Band" for their performance with the "Mocking Shadows" on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30pm. The cost is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. As well, our Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, June 3rd at 7:00pm. All students must arrive no later than 6:30pm dressed in concert uniform (black pants and a white shirt).

Here are some of the happenings this month at Westglen School:

May 12th - Mocking Shadows Band Presentation 7:30pm

May 19th - Math Part A, Grade 6 Achievement Exam 9:00-9:30am

May 19th - School Council Meeting 7:00-8:00pm in the School Library

May 20th - LA, Part A, Grade 6 Achievement Exam 9:00-11:00am

May 28th - Westglen Idols Lip Sync Concert 1:00pm

June 3rd - Spring Band Concert 7:00pm

June 15th - LA, Part B, Grade 6 Achievement Exam 9:00-10:00am

June 17th - Science, Grade 6 Achievement Exam 9:00-10:00am

June 18th - Social Studies, Grade 6 Achievement Exam 9:00-10:00am

June 22nd - Math Part B, Grade 6 Achievement Exam 9:00-10:00am

Didsbury OORP News

Wed. May 29

The organizational meeting was held May 12 with the BPOE Patrol team escorting the ladies to be installed by district deputy lady Ellen Tevendale, the following are members of the new executive for 2004 - 2005. Lady Elinor Clarke was the assistant installing officer, P.H.R.L. Lady Helen Newton was the installing secretary and installing pianist was PPD Lady Darlene Hehr. Honored Royal Lady - Lady Mary Spragg.

1. Past H.R.L. - Lady Joan Hannah

Associate R.L. - Lady Joyce Armour

Loyal Lady - Lady Susan Davies

Lecturing Lady - Lady Betty Campbell

Secretary - Lady Irene Dickau

Treasurer - Lady Kay Rylance

Historian - Lady Carol Natyshen

Chaplain - Lady Ellen Tevendale

Guard - Lady Eleonore Grafe

Pianist - Lady Shirley Thompson

The past year was a very busy one and many organizations benefited from their hours of work.

The D.H.S. Scholarship,

Didsbury Play School, First Didsbury Pathfinders, Didsbury Christmas Helpers, Mountain View Food Bank, Mountain View Housing for Aspen Ridge Lodge, Didsbury Municipal Library, Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation, C.N.I.B. Salvation Army, Carstairs Legion Tom Baker Clinic, Parkinson's Society, United Church, Our national charity "Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children" and the Alberta Elks and Royal Purple "Walk for Children".

Locally, the O.O.R.P. Ladies have Royal Purple Day at the Didsbury Health Care Centre, do meals on wheels, blood donors clinic (2 this year) Parade Day, (assist Brother Elks) AG Society Bench Fair (Security) November 11 Memorial Service, November 11 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon and the Kinsmen Manner Christmas visit. The first blood donor clinic will be held in the M.P. Room at the Didsbury Complex on Monday, June 21 from 3:30pm - 7:30pm, to be followed by one in August.

More details on this to follow.

New residents to town or the district are more than welcome to inquire about becoming a member of the O.O.R.P.



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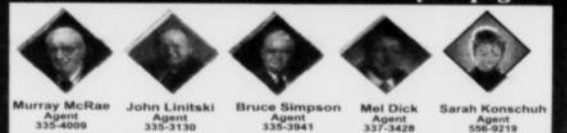
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THE CASE FOR MARRIAGE

By Derek Rogusky

The wedding season is upon us again. It's that time when Saturday after Saturday churches and banquet halls across Canada are booked solid. But something is different this year, and it's not just the "retro" bridal fashions—complete with wide lapels and empire waists—reminiscent of the '60s and '70s. This year, the hottest thing about weddings is the debate surrounding the very definition—and perhaps even the survival—of the institution itself. For years we took it for granted: boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl, boy marries girl and they live happily ever after. Well, at least it was happy most of the time and for the majority it was definitely forever. But the introduction of easy no-fault divorce, the increasing popularity of common-law relationships, increased pressure for same-sex marriages and now even the call to legalise polygamy have many Canadians wondering: what is happening to this thing called marriage? Even though marriages are breaking down at an alarming rate and some feel it has little relevance in society, most Canadians are not ready to give up on the tried and true institution. The vast majority of us still desire to marry and to have a life-long partner. And many who have divorced, despite their experiences, choose to remarry. A report from Feedback Research in 1998 found that less than 14% of Canadians felt marriage was an outdated institution. Yet there are many voices telling us that marriage needs to change with the times, that it needs an update if it is to remain relevant. So today we have psychologists claiming divorce is often the inevitable end to a relationship that has simply gone stale. Our entertainment industry worships just "living together," leaving our youth with the impression that cohabitation is more satisfying and more convenient than marriage. Some feminists are telling young women they are better off without a husband and a father is not necessary to raise children. Gay rights activists are claiming that gender doesn't matter—any two people who love each other should be able to marry. And now our national newspapers are printing defences of polygamy: if any two people can marry, why not three or four or more? These voices

claim it is just part of the natural evolution of marriage to catch up with the sexual liberty our society embraces. To hear them talk, you would think the institution of marriage has changed dramatically throughout history and is simply due for another regular overhaul. The reality, however, is that marriage has changed very little over the years. From earliest recorded history, nearly every society and major religion has embraced and celebrated marriage as the unique, lifelong union of one man and one woman. And while Christians believe that God created marriage, it is clearly not an exclusively Christian institution. It is a part of what is called natural law—those things that are so obviously evident to human beings that they are universal. Marriage is simply a natural part of life, regardless of whether or not a culture has heard certain religious teachings. In fact, long before Christian thinking had an opportunity to emerge, classical Greek and Roman philosophers were making the case for heterosexual monogamous marriage. Over 300 years before Jesus Christ walked the earth, Plato, Aristotle and others were strong supporters of marriage. Aristotle, in his works *Ethics* and *Politics*, described marriage between a man and a woman as a natural institution fundamental and foundational to any republic. He saw marriage as inherently useful, pleasant and moral at the same time, allowing efficient pooling of resources and division of specialised labour within a household, and fulfillment and happiness for husbands and wives, as well as their children. Later, Roman philosophers and lawmakers built upon the classical Greek teachings by emphasising the uniqueness and fullness of marriage in comparison to other relationships. Cicero saw marriage as a natural partnership of the person and property of husband and wife. Musonius Rufus viewed marriage as an unrivalled companionship between a man and a woman and spoke of it in terms that are often echoed in wedding ceremonies today. Plutarch would later add, "no mutual pleasures are greater, no mutual services more constant, no form of affection is more enviable and estimable for its sheer beauty than when man and wife in harmony of mind keep house together." For the classical Greeks and Romans, marriage

was not only for procreation. It also met the natural needs of a man and a woman, provided the best environment for raising children and formed a stable foundation for society. Ironically, this strong support for marriage developed in an environment of sexual tolerance. Promiscuity and homosexuality were likely more acceptable in those days than they are even now, yet marriage between a man and a woman was seen as a unique relationship that benefited society and was deserving of special status. Of course, the Bible teaches in Genesis that God created man and woman and blessed the institution of marriage: "For this very reason a man will leave his mother and father and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Later in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus confirms these very words and adds, "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." As Christianity's influence grew throughout the western world, its view of marriage prevailed throughout western society—a view that has been vir-

tually unquestioned until recent years. In his assessment of the positions on marriage held by various religions, Marriage Law Project director David Orgon Coolidge found that with the exception of some extremely small sects, the five major world religions understand marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. Katherine Young, a professor at McGill University, holds a similar opinion. In an affidavit for a definition of marriage case before the Supreme Court of British Columbia she concludes that, based on her study of comparative religions and cultures, marriage is universally a "culturally approved opposite-sex relationship intended to encourage the birth (and rearing) of children." Marriage is so much more than a simple tradition. And it is unique in that it is simultaneously a private relationship between a husband and wife as well as a vital public institution. Marriage has proven to be an essential building block of society. In the September 2000 issue of *Commentary*, Hudson

Institute scholar Stanley Kurtz states that the continuity of marriage is "all that stands between our children and chaos." For Kurtz it is the marriages between men and women that provide the moral foundation and social norms that allow us to enjoy the individual freedoms we do. He points out that in cultures where monogamous heterosexual marriage is not the norm, chaos is avoided only through restrictive group rules that no proponent of sexual liberty would want to endure. Although at times it has considered other options, western civilisation has come to support and embrace heterosexual monogamous life-long marriage because it works. No other relationship can consistently match the benefits that marriage provides to the husband and wife involved, their children and society as a whole. Even if an individual never marries, he or she gains from a culture where marriage flourishes. The social science evidence over the last 30 years is clear on this point.

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Prairies to Peaks elects new executive

The Prairies to Peaks Tourism Association held their first Annual General Meeting at the Olds Town Council Chambers on May 19. As outgoing Chair, Kathleen Windsor, said, "It's hard to believe that it's been a whole year since Prairies to Peaks Tourism Association hosted their first meeting!"

A lot has happened in that last year. Now P2P is a registered society and has a website, they hosted a very successful tourism conference in March, and the vacation brochure is being distributed to Visitor Information Centres across the province. On Monday, CKLJ 97.7 FM Radio introduced a new feature, Prairies to Peaks Tourist Talk, that runs from now till Labour

Day weekend. The Operations Committee is working on a partnership with Backroad Mapbooks, and are currently advertising for office help as for a STEP student this summer. P2P has also made arrangements for a traffic count to be conducted on Hwy 27 west of Olds during the May long weekend.

Following a presentation on P2P's past and future plans, and the results of our 2003 Customer Survey, Bill Ozard brought congratulatory greetings from Travel Alberta In-Province, citing they use P2P as a template for other tourism organizations in the province.

The election of officers for the 2004-2005 year followed a great Show 'n Tell from each

member.

Wendy Bradshaw of Red Lodge Outfitters & Guest Ranch takes over the helm as Chair, with Stuart Ray (Town of Olds) accepting the Vice-Chair position, Judy Schlichenmayer (Torrock Sales & Service) retaining the Secretary-Treasurer position, and Ingrid Mayr (A Bed in Heaven Bed & Breakfast) taking the Director at-large position. Other members of the Operations Committee include Mike Radford, Marilyn MacKay, Julius Salegio, Betty Brisson, and Ross Legge, with Jan Evans and Barb Babiak working on Special Projects.

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Working Together for Effective Solutions

A lot of people have a stake in oil and gas development in Alberta. That's why more than 60 'synergy' groups across the province are working together to resolve local issues in productive ways. At the heart of a synergy group is the notion that the result of a combined effort is greater than what any one person could have achieved on their own.

Synergy group members consist of a diverse group of people including: landowners, concerned citizens, industry representatives and regulators. These groups can be found throughout Alberta including Cold Lake, Pincher Creek, Rocky Mountain House, and Sundre.

Over the past two years, synergy group members, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) have come together for two synergy conferences in Red Deer. It is in these open forums that participants come to share their experiences, focus on what needs to be achieved, and discuss the means by which they can do so.

The Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) is one example of a successful synergy group. SPOG which falls in the Sundre/Caroline area, was created in 1992 at the request of the public for emergency response planning for all of the oil and gas companies operating in the area. After extensive public consultation, industry was joined by the community and the EUB. It has been successful because of the sharing of information, two-way dialogue and trust and respect for one another.

"SPOG is a good example that better understanding and positive relationship are possible. Synergy groups no matter what their size, need to all have a vision - to come together to work on issues and concerns collectively," says Dave Brown, a cattle rancher in Caroline, Alberta, who belongs to the Sundre Petroleum Operators Group.



Currently, community, industry and government are taking synergy a step further. Together they are working on a Synergy support centre that will foster positive outcomes in Alberta communities by providing information, resources and the chance for mutual learning.

Dave Brown believes in the vision of synergy groups.

Science-based Solutions to Environmental Challenges

Research is an important part of the upstream petroleum industry. With Albertans concern for protecting the environment, water, air, and biodiversity, many oil and gas companies not only appreciate the importance of doing research but also the importance of putting that research into action.

The Environment Research Advisory Council (ERAC) is one way industry is pursuing research that will lead to more responsible development. ERAC was created in the 1970's by the Canadian Petroleum Association (now the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers - CAPP) to initiate research and develop technology that focuses on environmental issues. Helping industry improve the way they operate, ERAC-funded research is also used by governments and regulators to set or revise environmental guidelines. Other ERAC studies are discovering how best to manage industrial activity to ensure wildlife is not impacted and that human health is not jeopardized.

For example, one ERAC-funded study has provided the scientific information - used by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment - to set standards around safe hydrocarbon levels in soil that will provide high levels of environmental protection and save industry millions of dollars.


In the past seven years, funding from CAPP, the upstream petroleum industry, the Small Explorers Association of Canada (SEPA), federal and provincial government, academic institutions and research groups has totaled over \$7 million.

"Sponsoring research is an integral part of the upstream oil and gas industry's commitment to continuous improvement in environment, health, safety and socio-economic performance," says Shira Mulloy, CAPP Manager, Stewardship. "Through leading-edge research and applying those findings, industry can respond better to environmental concerns."

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Focus on
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QUESTION: Would you say that most marital problems are caused by sexual difficulties?

DR. DOBSON: No, the opposite is more accurate. Most sexual problems are caused by marital difficulties. Or stated another way, couples who have problems in bed often have bigger problems during the other 23 1/2 hours in the day.

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QUESTION: What would your recommendation be to a young wife and mother whose husband is extremely violent and frequently abuses her and their children?

DR. DOBSON: She should get herself and her kids out of the home immediately. Abuse of spouses and children must not be tolerated. It's against the law, and the law must be enforced. No one has to live in an abusive environment today.

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QUESTION: Do you recommend premarital counseling for engaged couples? If so, why? My fiancée and I have spent hours getting to know each other over the past year, so why should we bother with the time and expense of counseling?

DR. DOBSON: Premarital counseling is a must and can literally be a marriage-saver. Furthermore, these sessions can help young men and women overcome the cultural tendency to marry virtual strangers. Let me explain. The typical couple spends much time talking, as you and your fiancée have done. Still, they don't know each other as well as they think they do. That is because a dating relationship is designed to conceal information, not reveal it. Each partner puts his or her best foot forward, hiding embarrassing facts, habits, flaws and temperaments. Consequently, the bride and groom often enter into marriage with an array of private assumptions about life after the wedding. Then major conflict occurs a few weeks later when they discover they have radically different views on non-negotiable issues. The stage is set for arguments and hurt feelings that were never anticipated during the courtship period. That's why I strongly believe in the value of solid, biblical premarital counseling. Each engaged couple, even those who seem perfectly suited for each other, should participate in at least six meetings with someone who is trained to help them prepare for marriage. The primary purpose of these encounters is to identify the assumptions each partner holds and to work through the areas of potential conflict. The following questions are typical of the issues that a competent counselor will help the couple address together. — Where will you live after getting married? — Will the bride work? For how long? — Are children planned? How many? How soon? How far apart? — Will the wife return to work after babies arrive? How quickly? — How will the kids be disciplined? Fed? Trained? — What church will you attend? — Are there theological differences to be reckoned with? — How will your roles be different? — How will you respond to each set of in-laws? — Where will you spend the holidays? — How will financial decisions be made? — Who will write the checks? — How do you feel about credit? — Will a car be bought with borrowed money? How soon? What kind? — How far do you expect to go sexually before marriage? — If the bride's friends differ from the groom's buddies, how will you relate to them? — What are your greatest apprehensions about each other? — What expectations do you have for each other? This is only a partial list of questions to be discussed and considered. Then a battery of compatibility tests is administered to identify patterns of temperament and personality. Sometimes the findings are quite shocking. Indeed, some couples decide to postpone or call off the wedding after discovering areas of likely conflict. Others begin working through their differences and proceed toward marriage with increased confidence. In either case, men and women typically benefit from knowing each other better. Someone has said: The key to healthy marriage is to keep your eyes wide open before you wed and half-closed thereafter. I agree. Premarital counseling is designed to help engaged couples accomplish that. Marriage is a lifetime adventure that rewards those who persevere.

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by Taylor Laut

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Marriage *Continued from page 14*

The recent drift away from a marriage culture and the resulting family breakdown has exacted its toll. In *The Case for Marriage*, Linda Waite and Maggie Gallagher observe that adults who are married are more likely to live longer, have better physical health, be happier, experience more

stable relationships, have less mental and emotional health problems, be better off financially, experience less domestic violence and have more satisfying sex lives. Other researchers have found that children suffer when they are denied the nurturing influence of their mother and father.

Children born out of wedlock or who experience their parents' separation or divorce are more likely to experience slower cognitive and verbal development, lower educational achievement and job attainment, more behavioural and emotional problems, increased dependency on welfare,

lower financial well-being, increased exposure to crime, a greater risk of being sexually abused and marital problems of their own. As the Marriage Movement in the United States is proving, there is widespread support for reviving marriage, not reinventing or abandoning it. Citizens from all

walks of life recognise the importance of marriage and, as opinion polls reveal, they desire life-long marriages for themselves. However, it is no longer time to take marriage for granted. As the debate over marriage heats up again this summer, we should seize the opportunity to educate ourselves

and communicate with our society a recaptured vision of marriage at its historical best. We may find that as we better understand marriage, the debate will turn from redefining it to finding ways to return to the strong marriage culture we once knew. Retro could be a good thing?

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Mass will be celebrated on Saturday May 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Call 335-3633 for further information.

Bridal Shower

Bridal Shower in honour of Meggin Roy fiancée of Sean Phillips, May 31, 2004 at 7 pm, Dogpound Bluebird Centre, phone 337-2333/637-2165

Stampede Park

Join us on Wed. Jun. 2 at Stampede Park, Calgary for Thoroughbred Racing. Cost \$30 Includes racing program and supper. Bus Leaves @ 4:30 from the complex. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449

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Garage Sale

Didsbury Lacrosse Yard Sale Sat. May 29th (raindate June 5/04) 8:30 - 3 p.m. next to AG parking lot. Donated items left with Bob at AG Meat Dept.

Community Shower

For Karen Roberts Bride elect of Anders Rickard on May 28th, 7:30 pm, Rugby Hall, Pot luck lunch.

5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

Scrapbooking

Come and scrapbook Sat. June 5 from 10 - 10 at the United Church in Didsbury. \$5.00 plus pot luck. Call Kerri at 335-9928.

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Cash Casino

Were going to cash casino, Calgary on Friday, June 18, cost \$10. Bus leaves from the complex @ 10:00. Please call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449. Note new p/u point.

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

Hall Rental

The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 637-2270.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. -12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7 -8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs, 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES

RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets every 2nd Thursday. Once a month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2003-2004 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-4796.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Provides free accessible mental health services. Which inc. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

OLDS

W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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